



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 4th December 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 4th December

- 8:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
3:30pm All-Age Christingle Service at St Helen's
6pm Choral Evensong at St Helen's, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page

Wednesday 7th December

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
7:30pm Compline at Isley Walton

Saturday 10th December

- 9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

Sunday 11th December

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton

Readings for Choral Evensong

Sunday 4th December

- 1 Kings 18:17-39
John 1:19-28

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

CHANGE TO SERVICE SCHEDULE – CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Owing to the clash with the World Cup final and potential conflict of interests, we have revised our Christmas Carol Service plans – **there will now be one Carol Service only, on 18th December, at 7pm.**

JOURNEYING THROUGH ADVENT:

Advent Compline Services

To aid us in our Advent reflections and as we prepare for Christmas, there will be short services of Compline on each of the Wednesdays in Advent as follows:

- 7:30pm 7th December, Isley Walton
7:30pm 14th December, St Matthew's, Worthington
7:30pm 21st December, St Helen's

The Posada - Playing host to Mary and Joseph in Advent – there are still opportunities to sign up!

For the 2 years before the pandemic, we took part in an Advent tradition called the Posada where, throughout Advent, we take it in turns to host Mary and Joseph (in our case, beautiful knitted figures) as we think and pray about them travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Hosts simply take Mary and Joseph into their homes overnight and, if they wish, then email their thoughts and photos to Jill Chapman

jill.chapman12@btopenworld.com

so that she can log their travels on our Facebook page.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

A “One off” exploration of the subject of Asylum Seekers/Migrants and the Book of Ruth.

A small group of us from the Flagstaff Family will be meeting on Tuesday 6th December 9.45am for 10-11am in Melbourne and we look forward to welcoming you to our home and sharing fellowship with you. There is still room for a couple more folks so if anyone else would like to join us then please email me on margaret@ajacques.plus.com before midday Monday so I can send you joining instructions
Revd Margaret and Allan.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER – MEN’S BREAKFAST

Invitation from Geoff Richman:
Please join us on Saturday 10th December 2022 for Men’s Breakfast, starting at 8:00am at Wetherspoons for Breakfast followed at The Methodist Church Hall for our Christmas Party. There will be music, singing, jokes, stories, reminiscences and maybe mince pies and coffee. All welcome.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER 7pm Christmas Through the Ages Concert at Breedon Priory Church:

Journey through time and experience Christmas from the Anglo-Saxons to the Victorians in the company of choral quartet Tesserae and accompanied by readings of literary extracts from Donne to Dickens. The concert is free to attend, but it would be appreciated if tickets can be booked in advance. Breedon Church are also looking for volunteers to read 2 short passages – please email Rachel at breedonheritage@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or want to book tickets.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 7pm

Ashby String Orchestra Concert at St Helen’s. Music of Handel, Vivaldi, Elgar & Tchaikovsky Admission free - retiring collection. Please see posters and flyers at back of church

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 4pm

All are welcome to come and help decorate St Helen’s Church Christmas Tree!

TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 7:30pm

NEXT HERITAGE TALK

in the **COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE**
Mike Hawkes will be speaking on Graffiti in Medieval Churches – is the writing on the wall?

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY, 7pm

Celebrate Burns Night at St Helen’s Community Heritage Centre

Traditional Scottish haggis supper with a “Wee Dram”, Neeps & Tatties followed by a Trifle dessert. Vegetarian option available. Supper will be “Piped in” in the traditional manner.



Tables will be set for 6 people .
Larger tables available on request.
Tickets £17.50 available from Liz Smith

GIFT AID:

MESSAGE FROM CORNELIA WRIGHT

We are currently working towards updating our Gift Aid records. If you have received a letter from Andy and Cornelia about your Gift Aid eligibility, please could you complete the form and return it to the church office. For any questions or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Cornelia (contact details can be found in your Gift Aid letter).

ECO-TIP OF THE WEEK

Wear a Turtle!

Sorry, I mean "wear a turtle-neck" ...

People in Japan are being advised to wear turtle-neck jumpers, scarves or similar neck wear, which makes a real difference to body warmth and can reduce heating costs

FOR PRAYER:

Please pray for those known to you who are ill, including John Dennis, Peggy Adams and Teresa Shorthouse.

In love, we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, praying for their families & friends:

Dorothy Jane Richards
Flora Winifred Hamlet
Veronica Mildred Farmer
Marion Rose Jervis
Florence Muriel Holt
Walter Miller
Nicholas Charles Jervis
Gordon Heaward

GIVING:

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's through the open plate at the back of church after our Sunday services, the wall safe at the back of church or via our website:

<https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

Deadline for Notice Sheet:

5pm Thursday evening.

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